Statement

List of Central Food Laboratories

S. No.	Name
1.	Central Food Laboratory, Mumbai (Maharashtra)
2.	Central Food Laboratory, C/o. State Public Health Laboratory, Pune (Maharashtra)
3.	Central Food Laboratory, Kolkata (West Bengal)
4.	Food Research & Standardization Laboratory, Ghaziabad (U.P.)
5.	Central Food Laboratory, Sonauli (U.P.)
6.	Central Food Laboratory, C/o. Central Food Technological Research Institute, Mysore (Karnataka)
7.	Central Food Laboratory, Raxaul (Bihar)

List of Central Drug Testing Laboratories

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1.	Central Drugs Testing Laboratory, Mumbai (Maharashtra)
2.	Central Drugs Laboratory, Kolkata (West Bengal)
3.	Central Indian Pharmacopeia Laboratory, Ghaziabad (U.P.)
4.	Central Drugs Testing Laboratory, Chennai (Tamil Nadu)
5.	Regional Drugs Testing Laboratory, Guwahati (Assam)
6.	Central Research Institute, Kasauli (Himachal Pradesh)
7.	Regional Drugs Testing Laboratory, Chandigarh

Smoking in public places

1334.SHRI N. BALAGANGA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases registered against those who have violated the ban on smoking in public places; and

(b) the number of persons penalized/prosecuted so far, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) The Government of India does not maintain any centralized data on the number of cases booked by the State/UT authorities and the information will be collected from the respective State Government/UTs as they are mainly responsible for Implementation the provisions of the Act, 2003 and laid on the table of house.

Financial assistance for community health insurance scheme

1335.SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has received a request from Andhra Pradesh Government for Central financial assistance of Rs.46.20 crores to State's Community Health Insurance Scheme, "Rajiv Aarogyasri" which has been launched in the backward district of Mahboobnagar, Ananthapur and Srikakulam in April, 2007;

(b) if so, the response of his Ministry thereto;

(c) the reasons for delay in sanctioning the assistance; and

(d) by when it is likely to be released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) The Government of Andhra Pradesh has launched the "Rajiv Aarogyasri Community Health Insurance Scheme" to provide health coverage to the families living below poverty line, on a pilot basis in Mahboobnagar, Anantapur and Srikakulam districts on 01.04.2007.

The State Government has requested for a financial assistance of Rs.46.20 Crores under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), for the pilot project.

Proposal of the State Government has been considered and an amount of Rs.10 Crores has been agreed for the year 2007-08 to the State Government for implementation of the Scheme.

Rise in malaria cases

1336.SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Malaria infection caused by Plasmodium Falciparum has gone up from 38 per cent in 1996 to 50 per cent in 2006;

(b) whether it is also a fact that 548 million people live in the country in high malaria risk areas;

(c) if so, whether it is also a fact that Long-Lasting Insecticidal Bed Nets are considered as one of the most vital interventions for protecting people from malaria;

(d) if so, whether it is also a fact that, due to policy hurdles, his Ministry is not able to procure the above nets; and

(e) if so, how his Ministry is planning to address the problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No Sir, 95% of the country's population is living in Malaria endemic areas, out of which 300 million population of the country live in high malaria risk areas.

(c) to (e) The Long Lasting Insecticidal Bed Net (LLIN) is one of the effective interventions for control of malaria but due to non availability of firms registered with Central Insecticide Board (CIB) under the administrative control of Ministry of Agriculture & Cooperation for the sale of LLINs, Programme could not procure them. However, it is learnt from CIB that 3 firms are going to be registered with them very soon, and programme intends to procure LLIN in this financial year.